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in the Community Development category. For years, the JCA has served the Afri-Canadian Association (JCA), a long-time Canadian Achievement Award (ACAA), the prestigious and sought-after Canadian community, has been awarded community organization in the TORONTO, Ontario The Jamaican African African

and varied initiatives which include afterand a series of life skills sessions school programs, a young women's group can Canadian community with its many

The Caribbean Youth and Family Services office also operates out of the JCA and, before the Jobs Ontario Youth (JOY) program was cut by the government of Premier Mike Harris, the JCA was an agency for JOY

cans and to improve the quality of life for and support the cultural heritage of Jamai-JCA took an ambitious, inevitable step by office on Dupont Street for decades, the Canada. After having operated out of an people of African and Caribbean descent in organization The JCA is an incorporated non-profit whose mission is to maintain

building 995 Arrow Road cious location at larger, more spachasing its own The most re-North York

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Donovan Bai-ley." This event really ple came out to nity together as tion of the comnadian commumunity was their Tribute African Cacross-secof peo-Bai-

audience from a

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gold medallist Donovan Bailey. The JCA is one of 14 honourees being Michael Van Cooten in 1985

produced and organized by Pride Newspahailed by the ACAA, which was founded ber, annually.

The ACAA recipient in the Law cat-egory is Hon. Judge Micheline Rawlins, a ustice in the Ontario Court of Justice. The

> commitment to the field of law. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociol-

(LL.B) from the University of Windsor. ogy and Political Sci-University as well as Bachelor of from McGill Law

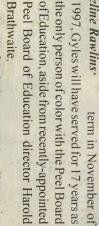
sor's Faculty of Law. Bety:een 1983 and Political Science desistant in McGill's first as a teaching asinvolved in teaching, University of Windteaching fellow at the partment Rawlins has been and as

worked part-time as 1986, Rawlins was a Crown Attorney in practitioner and

1992 when she became an Ontario Court Judge with Windsor's Provincial Division. Essex County. From 1986 until 1992, she was an Assistant Crown attorney in Kent County. Her big day came on October 15,

busy schedule to give back to her commua team manager in the sor Board of Educavolved with the nity. She has been inin the Windsor Minor ban Alliance and was tion, the Windsor House League Wind-

four his present municipal terms. At the end of has been re-elected for a trustee in 1980 and He was first elected as est-serving African rently Canada's long-Canadian honoree in the Educa-Gyles, the ACAA cation Trustee Cliff Hockey Association Peel Board of Edusubsequent politician



in the fight to have the Peel Board of Eduscholarship at Westwood Secondary School and the establishment of Black Studies Programs in high schools. He was also pivotal included his involvement with the Chalkers Some of Gyles's community efforts have

Gyles

cation become one of the first to establish equity and anti-discrimination policies.

Other ACAA recipi-

ents Cools (Politics), Dr. David Burt (Science), Producer Cynthia Reyes (Media), Dr. Granville Church (Religion), Liberal Senator Anne Da Costa (Medicine), (Hall of Fame), CBC Lenny and Gwen Johnson of Third World tor Luther Hansraj (Arts All Nations Full Gospel Donkor, senior tributor Herb Carnegie veteran community con-Book Store (Business), and Entertainment), are: Dr. pastor a Samuel ac-

(Sports), Karen Warner (Youth Achievement) and the late Barbara Isaac (Posthu-Sylvia Sweeney

in Toronto. Month, will take place on Saturday, February 22, 1997 at the Ontario Science Centre mous Award). Awards ceremony, demonstrably the most prestigious event during Black History The African Canadian Achievement

Rawlins has also taken time from her

Montreal-born judge has a long-standing honour the world's fastest man, Olympic Hon. Judge Micheline Rawlins and Brathwaite

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